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Photographic film processor rack and tank assembly.

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Filmentwicklungseinsatz und Tank.

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0327084A2] An improved photographic film processing apparatus is generally of the type wherein an upright processing rack (35) is located within a processing tank (1) adapted to contain a processing liquid for treating the emulsion side of a filmstrip (F), wherein a timing belt (21) is moved through a vertical guide slot (19) for advancement along the rack to draw successive sections of the filmstrip through a vertical processing channel (13) within the tank, and wherein a plurality of liquid distribution openings (91) to the processing channel direct the processing liquid against the emulsion side of a film section in the processing channel. According to the invention, the tank (1) has respective integral portions (15, 9) shaped to define a first vertical side (17) of the guide slot (19) for the timing belt (21) and to define a first vertical side (11) of the processing channel (13) for the filmstrip (F). The rack (35) has respective integral portions (47, 43) shaped to define a second vertical side (49) of the guide slot (19), opposite the first vertical side (17) of the guide slot, and to define a second vertical side (45) of the processing channel (13), opposite the first vertical side (11) of the processing channel. The integral portion (43) of the rack (35) which defines the second vertical side (45) of the processing channel (13) includes the plurality of liquid distribution openings (91) to the processing channel. This arrangement provides a relatively simple, compact assembly.

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